

Books To Treasure “Lesson Starters”

- *Negative Cat* Syllable Counting
- Book(s) the lesson starter uses: *Negative Cat* by Sophie Blackall
- Description: There are some great reading lessons and vocabulary words in *Negative Cat*. Use this book to discuss how reading aloud is a helpful practice to build reading skills.
- Do This!:
 - Read *Negative Cat* by Sophie Blackall
 - Discuss: The child claims they were not great at reading and that they only can read aloud and slowly. Even though the child does not believe they are good at reading, reading together was what made the connection with Max.
 - Bonus! Mention that the library has several [PAWS](#) programs where kids can come read aloud to dogs to real live dogs to get their reading practice in!
 - Note any of the high dollar words (5-point words, 100-dollar words, however you phrase it in your class!) as you read them. For example, vestibule, commitment, and responsibility are all big, beautiful words. Describe and define as needed.
 - Further discuss the syllable count of these high dollar words and any further words you are working on. Use the worksheet for more syllable practice.
- Use This!: Syllable counting has never felt so feline.



Directions: Count the syllables of each word in the boxes below. Color in one cat for each syllable.

negative  	cat  	meow  
Tuesday  	Maximilian  	vestibule  
responsibility  	reading  	ticklish  
excellent  	shelter  	tidy  

Bonus: How many syllables are in this
WHOLE SENTENCE?

Can we please get a cat?

